

SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	Research Methodology for Social Science
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Field of studies	International Relations
Specialization	international business
PRK level	7 PRK
Education level	second-degree studies
Form of studies	full-time studies
Group of activities	—
Number of ECTS points	1
Type of subject	obligatory
Total number of hours	15 h
Didactic cycle	2023/2024 winter
Academic semester	1
Academic year	1
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2023/2024
Language of instruction	English
Teacher(s)	prof. UAFM dr hab. Marta Majorek

Semester, number of ECTS points, type of subject, number of hours

Semester	Lecture
1	15 godz. 1 ECTS

2. General objectives

C1	This course introduces and discusses approaches, strategies, and data collection methods relating to research in social sciences. Students will consider how to select the appropriate methodology for use in a study to be performed. Moreover, students will learn how to collect data based on different data collection methods, construct these tools, and pilot them before they become ready for use. Finally, this course elucidates the requirements for an academic work, considering aspects related to language, writing style, and lay-out. To culminate this final stage, students will learn to write a comprehensive research proposal that may be conducted in the future.
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3. Introductory requirements

None

4. Learning outcomes

W1	Knowledge: Student knows crucial aspects of the nature of Knowledge and the value of scientific method.
U1	Skills: Identify and justify the basic components of the research framework, relevant to the tackled research problem. Explain and justify how researchers will collect research data.
K1	Social competence: Raise awareness of what research is and what is not.

5. Course program

Lecture (15 h)

Code	Detailed description of the topic blocks (semester: 1)
Wyk1	Part one - The Fundamentals 1. Meaning of Research 2. Definitions of Research 3. Objectives of Research 4. Motivation in Research 5. General Characteristics of Research 6. Criteria of Good Research 7. Types of Research Parta two - Research problem and Hypothesis Scientific Thinking 2. What is a Research Problem 3. Selecting the Problem 4. Sources of the Problem 5. Defining a Problem 6. Meaning of Hypothesis 7. Definitions of Hypothesis 8. Nature of Hypothesis 9. Functions of Hypothesis Part three - Data Collection 1. Questionnaires 2. Interviews 3. Focus Groups 4. Observation

6. Didactic methods

Lecture	
M17	Multimedia presentation
M20	Lecture

7. Student workload

Number of hours under supervision	Student workload
Lecture	15 h
Including e-learning:	0 h

Student's own work	
	10 h

Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	25 h
Total number of ECTS points	1 ECTS

8. Conditions for course completion

Course completion criteria

Passing the test exam.

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	86%-100%
Grade 4,5:	76%-85%
Grade 4:	66%-75%
Grade 3,5:	56%-65%
Grade 3:	50%-55%

9. Literature

Basic literature

1. Babbie, E. (2008), The Basics of Social Research, Thomson.

Supplementary literature

1. Kumar, R. (2011). Research Methodology: a step-by-step guide for beginners (3rd edition). London, UK: TJ International Ltd, Padstow, Cornwall.
2. Costley K.C. (2006) Why Do We Have Theories? , "Eric", <https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED491769>

11. Information about academic teachers

The person responsible for the card

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